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ALOR STAR — The proposal to build the iconic Kulim Airport, also known as “KXP”, will boost Kedah’s economy, especially those living in rural areas, said Kedah Menteri Besar Datuk Seri Mukhriz Mahathir.

Mukhriz said the proposal to build the airport in Sungai Petani was one of six projects planned to stimulate the economic development in the state.

“Just like the rapid growth of northern Kedah after the opening of Universiti Utara Malaysia in Sintok, it is also hoped a similar growth would take place in our state as well as neighbouring areas in the northern part of peninsular Malaysia,” he said.

Mukhriz said the people of Kedah had the opportunity of

securing high-paying jobs with KXP and other industries, mainly manufacturing and airline services, which would operate near the airport.

He said the whole area between the Kulim High Technology Park and the KXP would become a manufacturing and service industry development zone, adding the declaration of Visit Kedah Year next year would also contribute to the growth of the state’s tourism industry.

Having planned the various strategies carefully, the Kedah government is now prepared to implement development programmes for the benefit of the people, Mukhriz said.

“The drive for the transformation of Kedah has now begun.”

He said the focus on the economic sector was aimed at generating funds that could be utilised to ease the burden of the low-income group.

“The state’s economic growth must benefit the people directly or indirectly,” he said.

Kedah allocated a substantial amount to provide free on-line tuition services to almost 400,000 primary and secondary school students.

Mukhriz said the state government was also not neglecting its social responsibility and one area that was given emphasis involved the construction of low-cost and affordable homes.

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